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AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 6298

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ARREST OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD

DEPT FOR A/SY/EX; PASS COMSG BATTALION

LONDON PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR DAVIES

FRANKFURT FOR RSS AND FOR CO, COMPANY A, MSG

1. LANCE CORPORAL EVERETT EDGE, A MARINE SECURITY GUARD, WAS ARRESTED AT 12:30 A.M. DECEMBER 11 BY POLISH MILITIA OFFICER WHILE DEMOVING YUGOSLAV FLAG FROM LIGHT POLE IN VICINITY OF POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUILDING NEAR EMBASSY. EDGE WAS IN COMPANY OF LANCE CORPORAL TIMOTHY HADDEN WHO HAD JUST REMOVED FLAG FROM ADJACENT LIGHT POLE AND CONCEALED IT UNDER HIS COAT. FLAGS WERE BEING FLOWN ON OCCASION OF VISIT OF YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER. EDGE WAS APPREHENDED, HADDEN WAS NOT. EFFORTS BY CONSULAR OFFICER AND NCOIC TO EFFECT PROMPT RELEASE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. CHARGE REQUESTED FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANCE AT 9 A.M., DEPLORING INCIDENT AND REQUESTING THAT EDGE BE RELEASED TO EMBASSY WHICH WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION. EDGE WAS RELEASED AT APPROXIMATELY 10 A.M.

2. FOR CO, COMPANY A; COMSG BATTALION: IT IS REQUESTED THAT MSG'S EDGE AND HADDEN BE TRANSFERRED FORTHWITH
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AND THAT REPLACEMENTS BE SUPPLIED. EMBASSY CAN MANAGE

WITH SINGLE REPLACEMENT ON INTERIM BASIS IF NECESSARY.
QUICK TRANSFER IMPERATIVE IN INTERESTS TWO MEN INVOLVED
AND TO FORESTALL FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD POLISH
GOVERNMENT CHOOSE TO EXPLOIT INCIDENT.

3. FULL REPORT BY RSO FOLLOWS.
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